

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING



August 27, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM Mike Flanagan, Chair

SUBJECT: Report on Request for Consolidation of Morrice Area Schools and Perry Public

Schools

On July 27, 2007, the Office of the Superintendent received communication from John E. Hagel, Superintendent, Shiawassee Regional Education Service District, regarding a petition request from electors requesting approval for the Morrice Area Schools and the Perry Public Schools to seek voter approval to consolidate. The Shiawassee County Clerk has validated the signatures on the petitions requesting approval for the consolidation of the Morrice Area Schools and the Perry Public Schools.

Section 380.852 of the Revised School Code allows for local school boards or at least ten school electors of each district to initiate proceedings for consolidation. Executive Order 1996-12 transferred the approval authority from the State Board of Education to the Superintendent.

On August 16, 2007, I approved the request to seek voter approval to consolidate the Morrice Area Schools and the Perry Public Schools into one district. In order for the consolidation to become effective, it will require an affirmative vote of the majority of the electors in each school district.

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